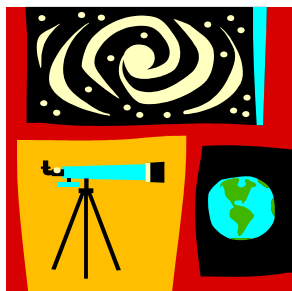


TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL

TOK Summer Reading Journal Assignment



First of all, welcome to TOK! Next year, we will be exploring the various ways humans obtain knowledge. We will also explore different ways of viewing the world. To get you started, I have selected one of my favorite books, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

This book has many TOK implications we will discuss next year. For now, I want you to journal on the following questions. The answer to each question should contain reference to the novel, and should be at least 3 pages written. You should have this journal with you for our first class.

1. At the beginning of the novel, Earth is described as a boring planet containing unhappy people. According to the novel, Earthlings continually chase, and attempt to acquire, little green pieces of paper. Is there some truth to this statement? Do you think people on Earth are essentially narcissistic*, and are unhappily chasing wealth to achieve fulfillment? Comment on the novel's point of view of Earth as a technologically behind, narcissistic planet.
2. Clearly, the novel focuses on the existence of other worlds, types of creatures, and planets. What do you think of the possibility of the existence of different worlds? Do you think it is possible that other worlds or life forms exist that our technology has yet to discover? Is it encouraging or discouraging that there might be life forms other than humans that exist in the Universe? Why do you feel as you do?

*Narcissism = inordinate fascination with oneself; excessive self-love; vanity. (dictionary.com)